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FORMER COVINGTON PASTOR IS CALLED TO HIS REWARD

Prominent and Active in Church for Many Years--Moderator of Shelby County Association at His Death.

Dr. W. H. Bruton, who served as pastor of the Baptist church in Covington from early in the year 1895 to May, 1899, died at his home in Collierville, last Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dr. Bruton had a most interesting career. At various times he was a newspaper man, lawyer, and minister. He published a paper in Jackson for several years.

Dr. Bruton is most kindly remembered in Covington, not alone by the people of his church, but by members of all denominations.

Survives Husband Nine Hours

Mrs. Mary Frances Bruton, wife of Dr. W. H. Bruton, died at her home in Collierville some nine hours after the death of her husband. Mrs. Bruton was 72 years old and, as stated above, was dangerously sick when her husband died.

Mr. J. Drew McClanahan had a painful accident to befall him Wednesday evening. He was having the steps at his home repaired and the steps had been taken down for that purpose.

CHAUTAQUA READING CLUB

Mrs. J. H. Flippin entertained the Chautauqua Reading club in her beautifully appointed home on Tuesday afternoon.

The club is now reading "Belgium, the Land of Art," by William Elliot Griffis, and the Belgian people under Charles V and Phillip II formed the specially interesting subject for the afternoon.

Refreshments are not usually in order at the meetings of this society, but Mrs. Flippin surprised her guests by serving a delicious ice course.

Mrs. James Coman will have charge of the program at the next meeting, which will be with Mrs. Grant Reid.

JUDGE JESSE EDGINGTON IS ACQUITTED OF BRIBERY

Judge Jesse Edgington, who was impeached by the state senate, was acquitted in the criminal court of Shelby county by a jury, Monday, of the charge of receiving a bribe. Judge Edgington was indicted last June after the court of impeachment found him guilty.

TO VOTE ON HOLDING CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

The senate recently passed the bill providing for a popular vote on whether or not a constitutional convention shall be held. It was first amended so as to fix the date of election for July 28, instead of April 28 as set forth in the original bill.

Senator Bates led the fight for the measure. Representatives declared that they would fight for a convention, but pleaded that the date should be set forward until August in order that more time might be given for creating sentiment for the convention.

The bill governing the election of delegates to the convention, in the event the people vote to hold a convention, provides for one delegate from each county, except that Shelby county shall have 10 delegates.

WEST TENNESSEE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Program of the West Tennessee Baptist Sunday School convention, which meets in Ripley, April 17 to 19, inclusive, has been issued. The program provides for the opening session on Tuesday night and three sessions for the remaining two days of the convention on various departments and features of Sunday school work.

Reduced rates on the railroads are promised, on the certificate plan. The chairman of the entertainment committee, Rev. J. W. Storer, of Ripley, asked that he be notified at once by delegates so that they may be assigned homes.

HOLLY THicket HOUSE SHOT UP

Deputy Sheriff Ed Roberts and the Simpson brothers, from Dyersburg, with a pair of bloodhounds, went to what is known as the Holly Thicket neighborhood, today, to investigate some trouble that had occurred on Mr. E. M. Downing's place on Wednesday night. The house of one of Mr. Downing's tenants, a colored man, had been fired into by some unknown person, for the purpose, it is said, of driving him out of the neighborhood, but no one was hurt.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

St. Matthew's Church Services on Sunday next, mid-Lent Sunday, as follows:

11 a. m.--The holy communion and sermon. 4 p. m.--Evening prayer and address. Dr. McCabe will officiate. Lenten service on Wednesday at 4 p. m. Everybody welcome at all services held here.

First Methodist Church Rev. R. A. Clark, Pastor Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Ladies' Bible class, 10 a. m. Men's Bible class, 10 a. m.

On account of the absence of the pastor, his pulpit will be filled next Sunday morning by Mr. Jeff B. Marmon, of Memphis, who is the lay leader of the Memphis conference. All members of the congregation are requested to be present at these services. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Visitors cordially invited to come.

A new English electric fan is designed to provide intermittent currents of air, its blades turning upon their axes as they are revolved.

TO ORGANIZE A POULTRY CLUB

A meeting will be held at the Business Men's club, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, for the purpose of organizing a Poultry club. The requisite for becoming a member is to be the owner of 45 eggs or 45 day-old chickens of any pure bred stock, the chickens to be hatched about April 20. There will be no dues, no assessments. Officers will be elected at the meeting, Saturday. All interested parties are invited to attend the above meeting.

WEST TENNESSEE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

The next meeting of the West Tennessee association will be held in Memphis on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of this month.

The state superintendent of schools will order a holiday on the 23rd for all West Tennessee teachers with full pay provided they attend the meeting of the association. An interesting program has been prepared and all the teachers of Tipton county are urged to attend.

Friday, at the State Normal School, at 11 a. m., Prof. M. A. Leiper, of the Bowling Green (Ky.) Normal School, will address all the teachers on "Teaching the Mother Tongue." Prof. Leiper is the author of one of our reading circle books, and it will be distinctly to the interest of our teachers to hear him.

Following Prof. Leiper, Supt. P. W. Horn, of the Houston (Tex.) City Schools, will address the teachers on "Some Standards That Can Be Used in the Measurement of Every Teacher's Work." Supt. Horn is one of the big school men of the country, and every West Tennessee teacher ought to hear this lecture.

The railroads have granted special rates of one and one-half fare plus fifty cents on the certificate plan. Be sure to get receipts from the agent when you buy your tickets. These receipts will have to be presented to the Memphis agents in order to get the reduced fare for the return trip. I suggest that when ten or more go together they buy a block ticket, which will probably give a better rate from Tipton county than that granted by the railroads.

For your convenience, I suggest that your register with me before going to the meeting. If it is not convenient for you to send the fifty cents just notify me by postal card when you will attend and pay me when you see me, or that you will send it to me later, and I will mail you a badge and give you a receipt when I get the money. The enrollment fee is fifty cents.

Supt. Robinson is anxious to have the names of all those who expect to attend, so if you find it more convenient to notify Mr. Robinson of your intention to attend and ask him that your name be enrolled, it will be attended to as if you had written me. Help make this meeting the best we've ever had. P. O. DUGAN, President.

LOCAL NEWS

The members of Liberty Lodge, I. O. O. F., are having a new roof put on their lodge hall.

A daughter was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Richardson, of this city.

Mr. G. W. Bishop, who has been confined to his home on account of illness for more than two months, is again able to be out.

Mr. T. H. Martindale and family have lately moved from Memphis to the J. N. Hall place, in the 10th district, lately occupied by Mr. J. T. Glenn.

The real estate firm of Sanford, Barret & Co. has sold to Messrs. W. A. Brown, Sr., and W. A. Brown, Jr., the Clarence Butler place, on Tipton street, for a consideration of \$500.

Mr. W. D. Boston is having a new room and a new roof added to the Sherrod old place, on College street, which place he purchased a short time ago.

Myrtle, little daughter of Mr. Hop Whitehorn, and Lucy, little daughter of Mr. R. L. Jobe, of the Leigh Chapel neighborhood, are suffering from diphtheria.

Robert White, son of Sheriff H. E. White, while riding a bicycle Friday, fell off and had a bad gash cut in his knee. It took several stitches to close up the wound.

Mr. W. L. McBride had his hand badly hurt while cranking a car Wednesday. His hand struck against the number board and it took several stitches to close up the wound.

A meeting will be held at the Business Men's Club in Covington on Saturday, March 17th, at 2 o'clock to discuss a joint sweet potato house. If you are a potato raiser, come to the meeting.

Mrs. J. R. McCall received Monday from Omaha, Neb., a cockerel and three hens, purebred Ringlet rocks, for which she paid \$16.50. These are probably among the finest chickens that were ever brought to this county.

Mr. T. O. Bond returned, Monday, from a 10 days' visit to Brownsville, where he had been attending the bedside of his father, Mr. T. O. Bond, Sr., who has lately been very sick, but who is now improving.

Great interest is being manifested in the Men's Bible class at the First Methodist church. The class has been divided between the Reds and the Blues, and a contest is on lasting through Easter Sunday.

Messrs. A. Laxton and James Sherrod have bought out the interest of Mr. J. C. Sullivan in the meat market business of Laxton & Co. and will continue the business at the same stand under the firm name of Laxton & Sherrod.

Mr. J. M. Richardson, of the Phelan vicinity, who has been quite sick, is again able to sit up. Esq. John Massey, of the same neighborhood, has been confined to his room on account of illness for the past several days.

Mr. S. A. Burkhardt, of Munford, was among the visitors in the city, Tuesday. Mr. Burkhardt and his father have lately bought out the interest of Mr. G. R. Ellis, Jr., in the business of Ellis & Burkhardt at Munford and will continue the business under the firm name of G. A. Burkhardt & Son.

Little Katherine Warmath, aged two and a half years, daughter of the late Roger Warmath, died at the home of her grandfather, Mr. J. R. Warmath, near Leigh's Chapel, at 3:30 o'clock Monday afternoon, after an illness of only a few days, and was buried at Munford cemetery, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. A. H. Bezzo conducting the funeral services.

Rev. Robt. A. Clark, pastor of the First Methodist church, left, Monday morning, for Leland, Miss., to hold a revival meeting. He will be gone about 10 days. His pulpit will be filled next Sunday by that princely layman of Memphis, Jeff B. Marmon, the conference lay leader of the Memphis conference. Mr. Clark has had large experience in revival meeting work, having held meetings in Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas, Oklahoma, and elsewhere.

The occupants of the second story of the Enterprise Co.--the Cumberland Telephone and Telegraph Co., Dr. H. K. Templeton and Dr. J. L. Lindsey--have had their windows screened and have had a screen door put in the first landing of the stair case, which will ward off flies and mosquitoes from that direction as well. Fly-swat tins will soon be here, and others would do well to emulate the example set by the above parties.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pace and grandson, J. B. Pace, came down Tuesday from Halls on a visit to relatives in the 3rd district. Mr. Pace asks us to correct the erroneous statement recently printed that he had been arrested for giving away whiskey, fined \$25 and sent to the county workhouse for 30 days. It was simply a mistake in the initials of the party and it should have been C. E. instead of C. C. Pace. We gladly make this correction in justice to the last named.

A large audience was delightfully entertained by the Florentine Musicians, the fourth attraction of the lyceum course, Monday evening, at the high school building. The company is composed of Miss Stella Marek, violinist; Miss Molly Milliam, vocalist; Mr. Andrew Vissoci, who was exceptionally good on the concert accordion; and Miss Mabel C. Brodbeck, accompanist. Each member of the company is an artist in her or his line of work and their program was highly appreciated by all who attended the performance.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Lewis, of Solo, a son.

Miss Minnie Haynie is now employed at Bailey's millinery department.

James, little son of Mr. James Fredrickson, of this vicinity, is reported quite sick.

Two children of Mr. N. E. Wright, of the Phelan neighborhood, are reported quite sick.

Mr. J. M. Polk is having the old postoffice building fitted up for a show room for cars.

A Holstein cow belonging to Mr. W. B. Cates, of Garland, gave birth to twin calves several days ago. Both calves are thriving and doing well.

Mrs. G. E. Prewett and son, Sam, of the Locust Bluff neighborhood, have both been quite sick with pneumonia, but are improving.

Mrs. Alfred Boyd is giving a bridge luncheon at her home, on Maple street, today, in honor of Mrs. John Boyd, of Boynton, Va.

Mr. Clarence Faulk, of the 9th district, has just completed a five-room house on the site of the house destroyed by fire some time ago.

A delightful social entertainment was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hunt, of Tabernacle, Monday evening. Nice refreshments were served the young people.

Rev. J. M. Jenkins, of Clinton, Ky., is spending a few days in this vicinity. He is engaged in setting out a 100-tree pecan orchard on his farm near here and later expects to set out 500 more.

Mr. T. J. Dumas received news, this morning, of the death of his son, Mr. Walter Dumas, at Clayton, N. M., Wednesday night, pneumonia being the cause. Further particulars will be given later.

Mrs. Walter Yount, of Mt. Carmel vicinity, has been suffering from blood poisoning caused from a scratch on the finger for the past several days. This has necessitated the postponement of the family's removal to Texas.

Two negroes, George Bailey and Fayette Hill, got into a difficulty at Dan Douglas' restaurant, at Mason, Tuesday night. The former was shot by the latter, but was not seriously wounded. Hill was afterwards released on bond.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenlee Galloway and little daughter, Virginia, of Dyersburg arrived here Wednesday from Memphis on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Simonton. The little girl was lately operated on for appendicitis at St. Joseph's hospital and is steadily improving.

Elsewhere in this issue will be seen the program of an entertainment at Byars-Hall, Monday night, by the expression pupils of Miss Charlie Maclin's class. The proceeds go to the seating of the hall at the city school. The entertainment will be well worth the cost of admission and the money will aid a good cause.

Gladys, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson, of the Atoka vicinity, died Wednesday night at 10 o'clock. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 1 o'clock, conducted by Rev. I. S. Caldwell. Interment was in Salem cemetery. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of many friends in their sorrow.

A large party of people went from here to Memphis this morning to bring back cars for the Buick, Chevrolet, Ford, Oakland, Dodge and Jeffrey agencies in this city. They are to bring back 23 cars for the above agencies, which is probably the largest number of cars ever received here at any one time.

The Ladies' Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church, with the auxiliary organizations of the church, had a joint meeting, Sunday afternoon, presided over by Mrs. William Sanford. The meeting was an enthusiastic one, with an interesting program on "Go, Pray, Give." The contributions to missions was \$175. Of this amount, \$80 were contributed by the children's society, presided over by Mrs. Albert Hall.

PHELAN PUBLIC SCHOOL

The term of the Phelan public school, under the direction of Prof. S. J. Templeton, will close Friday night, March 30th. Prof. Templeton and his assistants have arranged a play for Thursday night, the 29th, entitled "The Deacon's Tribulations," and on Friday night "The Poor Married Man" will be presented. Those who have attended heretofore the entertainments given by the school know that excellent programs will be given the patrons and public.

CLOSING OF BETHEL SCHOOL

The commencement exercises of the Bethel school will be held in the school building on March 18, 19 and 20. On the morning of the 18th, at 11 o'clock, Rev. C. E. Norman, of Munford, will preach the commencement sermon. On the 19th, beginning at 8 o'clock, general exercises by pupils. On the following night, the play, "East Lynne," will be given by the young people of the community. Everybody invited.

LEWIS FOR CHANCELOT

Dresden, Tenn., March 8.--R. T. Lewis, of Dresden, will be a candidate for chancellor of this (the Ninth) chancery division of Tennessee to succeed Hon. Colin P. McKinney, the present incumbent, who has recently announced as a candidate for a position on the supreme court. Mr. Lewis' formal announcement is expected within a short time.

GO-TO-SUNDAY-SCHOOL-DAY

To the People of Tipton County: We believe in the importance of the study of God's word and the necessity therefore and that the Sunday school is a very efficient agency for the promotion of said study.

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Governor Tom C. Rye has issued a proclamation in which he says: "Believing implicitly in the great work now being done in our Sunday schools, desirous of encouraging the efforts of those who are contributing their time, energy and money to this holy cause, and being advised that the Tennessee Sunday School association has designated Sunday, April 8th, as Go-to-Sunday-School-Day; now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim and set apart April 8th, 1917, as Go-to-Sunday-School-Day in Tennessee. On that day I earnestly urge all Tennesseans, as well as all visitors within our borders, to attend the Sunday school of their choice."

Now, therefore, we, the undersigned officers of Tipton county, following the example of the governor of the state, do hereby urge all the people of Tipton county, as well as visitors within our borders, to attend the Sunday school of their choice on said Go-to-Sunday-School-Day.

- This 12th day of March, 1917. S. E. STEPHENSON, County Judge. C. P. SIMONTON, County Court Clerk. M. L. SOUTHWALL, Circuit Court Clerk. J. L. JOHNSON, Clerk & Master. B. E. WHITE, Sheriff. J. A. PEELER, Trustee. J. H. FLOWERS, Tax Assessor. L. C. MOORE, Register.

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Now, therefore, I, J. Winfield Darby, Mayor of Covington, following the example of the governor of the state, hereby proclaim and set apart Easter Sunday, April 8, 1917, as Go-to-Sunday-School-Day for Covington. I do hereby urge all the people of Covington, and visitors within our borders, to attend the Sunday school of their choice on said Go-to-Sunday-School-Day.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of city to be affixed at Covington on this 12th day of March, Nineteen Hundred and Seventeen. J. WINFIELD DARBY, Mayor.

MINISTER'S HOME BURNS

Milan, Tenn., March 8.--Rev. A. C. Douglass, who recently moved from this vicinity to Buena Vista, Tex., had the misfortune to lose his home and entire furnishings by fire recently. The family was awakened by the house falling in, and was unable to save anything. The loss will be very heavy on Mr. Douglass, as there was no insurance. Origin of the fire is unknown.

FLYING SQUADRON SPOKE AT METHODIST CHURCH

Drs. W. W. Pinson and E. H. Rawlings, from the Board of Missions, spoke last week at the First Methodist church. Dr. Pinson spoke Thursday night and Friday morning; Dr. Rawlings spoke Friday afternoon to the ladies of the church and then to a mixed audience at night. These men delivered great missionary addresses and they were enjoyed by all who heard them. They are out for about 15 days from the missionary room in this conference, preaching on missions and raising a special fund for missionary work. Their coming here was a source of great information and inspiration.

I. C. ORDERS 75 ENGINES

Seventy-five new locomotives have been ordered by the Illinois Central railroad for fall delivery, according to announcement made yesterday by F. B. Barclay, superintendent of motive power, says the Memphis Commercial Appeal of March 6. Of these 35 are Mikados, 20 switch, and 20 Pacific type for passenger service. Each Mikado will cost \$42,000, compared with the former price of \$18,000; each switch engine will cost \$27,000, compared with the normal price of \$12,000, and each Pacific type will cost \$44,000, compared with the former price of \$24,000. These orders are the last the American and the Baldwin locomotive companies will receive for 1917 delivery.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS

The March term of the circuit court was adjourned for the term by Judge S. J. Everett, Tuesday morning. Judge Everett called the county physician, Dr. Lawrence Lindsay, Monday, and called his attention to the sanitary condition of the courtroom, asked that conditions be improved and appointed a committee, composed of Dr. Lindsey, Col. W. A. Owen and Gen. John A. Tipton, to take the matter before the April term of the county court and ask that something might be done.

Son, alias Geo. Fields was held on two charges, an attempt at murder and carrying a pistol, and got a verdict of not guilty in both cases.

Johnnie Wilson and Damond McClain, larceny, dismissed on payment of all costs.

Cottrell Jackson, assault and battery to commit murder, verdict not guilty.

Henry Walker, malicious cutting, plead guilty to an assault and battery charge and was fined \$50 and costs.

G. M. Short, obstructing road, verdict not guilty.

Bill Kitti, operating an auto without license, verdict not guilty.

Ed Dickson, running auto without license, dismissed on payment of all costs.

Ella Abernathy, public drunkenness, fined \$5 and costs.

Chester Maclin, voluntary manslaughter, verdict not guilty; on a charge of carrying a pistol, he was fined \$50 and costs.

Mack Tooley, larceny, verdict guilty and sent to jail for 30 days.

Boney Wright, pistol, verdict not guilty.

Jim Titus, larceny, verdict guilty and sent to jail for 15 days.

Will Small, house breaking, verdict guilty of larceny and sent to jail for 60 days.

Joe Burchett, pistol, verdict guilty, fined \$50 and costs.

Bud Parks, pistol, verdict not guilty. Geo. Ellinton, pistol, fined \$50 and costs.

Joe Burchett, larceny, verdict guilty and sent to jail for 15 days.

Morgan Both, malicious shooting, fined \$25 and costs and sent to jail for 60 days.

Geo. Smith, violating the four-mile law, verdict not guilty.

Cap Whitley, pistol, dismissed on payment of all costs.

Chas. Williams, assault, fined \$50 and costs and sent to jail for 60 days.

Son Hicks, assault and battery to kill, fined \$10 and costs and sent to jail for 60 days.

Allen Terry, voluntary manslaughter, verdict guilty and sentenced to jail for 90 days.

Allen Terry, pistol, verdict guilty, fined \$50 and costs.

Jim Battle, murder, verdict guilty and sentenced to the penitentiary for from two to ten years.

Sid Alston, pistol, dismissed on payment of all costs.

It was thought that the court would be in session until Thursday, but the case of murder against Lacey Bernard was continued until the next term of the court, which left the court without anything to do.

COURTYARD FOR VEGETABLES

Tony Casaretto, superintendent of the county courthouse, has decided to plant a garden in the open court of the building this year, says the Memphis Evening Scimitar of March 10. Beans, radishes, lettuce, mustard and other garden truck will be sown by Mr. Casaretto as soon as the ground is warm. The vegetables will not be sold, but given away to courthouse attaches and others. Tony said he might decide to give the vegetables to the poor.

LEIGH CHAPEL ITEMS

As I haven't seen any news from our little village lately, will write and let you know we are still among the living. We get the Leader each week and enjoy it from beginning to end.

Everybody is happy, hale and hearty as they ever "wuz". The evening shadows find our women tating, crocheting, embroidering, etc., while the men are smoking, reading the latest war news and talking the high cost of living. But why should they worry? They are the farmers and have plenty of corn, pork, pure water and have wheat growing. I don't see why they should get hungry if they haven't any money.

How many are thankful that our country is at peace? We should all be. Everything is peaceful and quiet since the talk of war. The married ladies are more devoted to their "Johns" and "Toms". Have lessened the use of the rolling pins and broom sticks.

Some of our people have been shooting wild ducks since the heavy rains. They are plentiful.

The young ladies are talking fashions and the married ladies are talking gardens and chickens. Every sign of spring is here. The birds are singing and flowers and grasses are waking up after their long winter nap. We, too, should be happy and gay and thank our Heavenly Father for His loving care through the cold winter days that we have been spared to see another spring. Let us make a resolution as spring is here to go to Sunday school every Sunday. It will make the school better and make you better.

Mr. R. B. Shoaf, of Port Gibson, Miss., was at church Sunday shaking hands with old friends. Prayer meeting every Sunday night. Everybody come and take a part. POLLYANNA.